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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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April 17, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CENTRALIZED HOUSING AND  
CLASSIFICATION QUARTERLY UPDATE**

On January 17, 2006, the Board of Supervisors requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) provide quarterly updates on the new centralized classification and housing system for inmates, including implementation and adherence of new protocols and policies, the timeliness and accuracy of reclassifications, and ongoing staff training. Since that time, the Department has taken significant steps toward creating a centralized inmate housing unit and has begun segregating inmate housing units by security levels.

The Department has created a master housing plan identifying all inmate housing areas and assigned them security levels, attempting to match the housing area's physical design with an appropriate inmate security level. The Department also created the organizational and functional blueprint for the new Central Housing Unit and identified the staffing level necessary to accomplish the assigned tasks.

The Central Housing Unit will be divided into two functional units; one assigned to direct housing at the northern custody facilities, and one assigned to direct housing at the southern facilities. The physical locations of these two workgroups have been identified, furnished, and physically upgraded to handle the increased data and communications traffic. Supervisors have been identified for these two units and selection of line personnel will begin shortly. The Department will introduce the northern unit first and use this unit to test the new Jail Inmate Management System housing software and the proposed unit procedures. New policy for the Central

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Housing Unit has been written and is currently being reviewed. Additional policies and protocols, as well as division-wide training, will be developed by the Central Housing Unit once staffing is available.

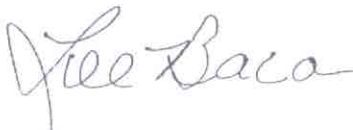
The Department has manually directed the separation of inmates based on classification at the various facilities during this period. To date, all Level 9 inmates have been separated from the general inmate population and are now housed in one and two-man cells. Two out of three custody facilities at the Pitchess Detention Center have been brought into compliance with the master housing plan. The North County Correctional Facility will be brought into compliance as soon as the safest course of action is determined for the reintegration of violent "South Sider" gang members, who have been responsible for many of the recent disturbances in the jails.

Men's Central Jail (MCJ) has adjusted its housing of incoming inmates to match the security level designations within the facility, resulting in significant compliance with the master housing plan. Due to MCJ's unique position as the initial housing location for all inmates entering the Los Angeles County jail system, regardless of security level, special handling, or keep away needs, maintaining security level separation of inmates is a more difficult undertaking and will not be fully implemented until the Central Housing Unit is staffed in May 2006.

From January 1, 2006, to April 11, 2006, 24,271 inmate reclassifications were performed. These included reclassifications due to the regular 90-day review period, sentencing changes, additional holds or charges, and inmate requests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Chief Marc Klugman, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,



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July 21, 2006

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Dear Supervisors:

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S CENTRALIZED HOUSING AND  
CLASSIFICATION UNIT'S QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Since the last quarterly update report to the Board of Supervisors concerning the Central Housing and Classification of jail inmates on April 17, 2006, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) has implemented the Central Housing Unit (CHU) offices at Pitchess Detention Center (North Office) and the Inmate Reception Center (South Office). Security levels now dictate the housing assignments for all general population inmates.

CHU North at Pitchess Detention Center became operational on May 21, 2006, and consists of one sergeant, one supervising line deputy, and a combination of nine deputy generalists and custody assistants. CHU North assumed control and responsibility for housing all inmates transported to the three separate custody facilities at Pitchess Detention Center.

CHU South at the Inmate Reception Center became operational on June 25, 2006, and consists of one sergeant, one supervising line deputy, and a combination of twelve deputy generalists and custody assistants. CHU South assigns housing locations at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility and Men's Central Jail to newly booked inmates and inmates transported to the Inmate Reception Center from Pitchess Detention Center. Recently, CHU South coordinated the newly instituted Men's Central Jail Inmate Reduction Plan, where approximately 1,200 inmates from Men's Central Jail were rehoused at other custody facilities.

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Due to the ever-changing nature of the inmate population, the Department's master housing plan is continually reviewed, updated, and adjusted by CHU to identify appropriate housing for every inmate who enters the jail system.

The Department is aware that improved technology is essential to the long-term success in managing the County's appreciable inmate population. We are actively seeking solutions to replace antiquated systems such as the Automated Jail Information System (AJIS) and finding ways for current technology to work together with existing computer platforms. CHU has been given the responsibility of ensuring that these concerns are addressed and a successful transition occurs.

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October 17, 2006

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Since the last quarterly update report to your Board concerning the central housing and classification of jail inmates on July 21, 2006, the Department has continued the implementation of the centralized housing policy based upon inmate security levels. All incoming inmates are assigned housing locations based upon an initial screening to determine their appropriate security level. Inmate security levels can be changed for a variety of reasons after the inmates are assigned to housing, including dropped charges, additional charges and warrants, sentencing, inmate behavior, etc. The Central Housing Units (North and South) audit their assigned housing areas on a daily basis to check for inmates whose security levels have changed and do not match their current housing locations. Once a discrepancy is discovered, arrangements to rehouse the inmate to an appropriate housing location is made.

Due to the constantly changing demographics of the inmate population, the Central Housing Unit reviews and adjusts the Department's master housing plan, as necessary, to facilitate maximum usage of available bed space.

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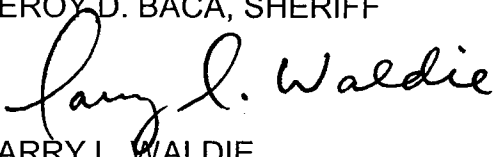
In July 2006, the Department, in cooperation with the Honorable Judge Dean Pregerson and the American Civil Liberties Union, agreed to reduce the inmate count at the Men's Central Jail by 1,200 bunks. The Department also agreed to return four dayrooms at Men's Central Jail that were used as overflow housing areas to their originally intended purpose as recreational rooms. The loss of 1,200 bunks was partially offset by the opening of the final two floors of Tower II at Twin Towers Correctional Facility, which realized a gain of 768 bunks, as well as the opening of an additional compound at the North Annex facility, in which 252 bunks were gained. The Central Housing Unit coordinated all of these inmate movements while maintaining the security-level integrity of the involved housing areas.

The Department continues to move forward with plans to replace the antiquated technology of the Automated Jail Information System (AJIS) that is currently used to track inmate movement and housing with Syscon's Jail Information Management System (JIMS), a more current, flexible, and powerful software system. The Department currently has an Information Technology Support Services Master Agreement (ITSSMA) published for a software bridge to allow the JIMS software to communicate with and take over certain functions of AJIS. The Central Housing Unit will supervise these technological improvements to ensure a smooth and successful implementation.

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LARRY L. WALDIE  
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February 13, 2007

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Since the last quarterly update report to your Board on October 17, 2006, the Department has continued the implementation of a centralized housing policy based upon inmate security levels. Assessing appropriate inmate security levels is critical in determining suitable housing for inmates. Although security level housing for general population inmates has been implemented at all facilities, housing areas that have inmates with special needs, such as mental illness, are being scrutinized to determine how to address security level issues while providing appropriate services for those inmates. Many of the solutions are innovative and specific to the particular housing location. The Centralized Housing Unit is directly involved in addressing these special areas, with the goal that security level be the primary consideration in all housing locations.

Inmate security levels can be changed for a variety of reasons after the inmates are assigned to housing (dropped charges, additional charges/warrants, sentencing, discipline, etc.). The Centralized Housing Unit audits assigned housing areas each day for inmates whose security levels do not match their housing locations, and arrangements are made to have these inmates moved to appropriate housing locations.

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Due to the constantly changing demographics of the inmate population, the Centralized Housing Unit reviews and adjusts the Department's master housing plan to facilitate the maximum usage of available bed space.

The Federal Court recently ordered the removal of 1,200 beds from the Men's Central Jail (MCJ). This order caused the processing of male inmates in the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) to slow down considerably while inmates awaited appropriate housing. Inmates could only be moved out of IRC after bed space became available at MCJ and Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF). This bed space was created by transporting inmates to Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) facilities for housing. However, special inmate handling categories, the need for medical and psychiatric care, and the geographic requirements of certain courthouses severely limited the number of inmates that qualified for housing at PDC. The resulting housing shortfall created significant time delays for inmates awaiting assignment from IRC to permanent jail housing locations.

On October 27, 2006, Federal Court Judge Dean Pregerson issued an injunction against the Department requiring that inmates remain in IRC holding cells for no more than 24 hours. The Centralized Housing Unit is determined to find solutions to comply with this order, including implementation of the following:

- The development of a comprehensive inmate location scanning system to document the actual amount of time inmates spend in IRC.
- The identification of a disproportionate number of vacant beds at PDC facilities, which resulted in the redeployment of Medical Services Bureau personnel to the PDC North Annex Facility to provide an increased level of inmate medical care. This redeployment allowed the Department to move approximately 300 inmates who were on prescribed medication from MCJ and TTCF to PDC for permanent housing.
- Greater proficiency at identifying appropriate housing options for the inmate jail population, allowing for increased efficiency in housing alternatives.

The Centralized Housing Unit remains a critical component in responding to inmate housing challenges, and is committed to continuously looking for new and innovative ways to manage the jail environment.

February 13, 2007

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Chief Marc Klugman, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,

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LEROY D. BACA  
SHERIFF



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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April 27, 2007

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The Central Housing Unit for the northern facilities temporarily ceased operation in late February 2007 due to operational deficiencies requiring procedural and personnel changes. In the interim, and under the supervision of the Central Housing Unit for the southern facilities, the Pitchess Detention Center jail facilities assumed temporary responsibility for the initial and appropriate housing of inmates assigned to their

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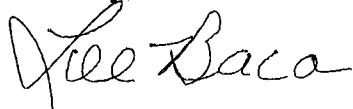
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respective facilities. These responsibilities include auditing their housing areas for mis-housed inmates and adjusting housing to facilitate the maximum usage of available bed space. The Central Housing Unit for the northern facilities is scheduled to reopen on Sunday, May 6, 2007. The staffing positions which were previously unfunded will become permanently funded items and have been added to the Department's 2007-2008 budget.

Since the inception of the Central Housing Unit and the restructuring of our inmate classification system, many positive results have been realized throughout our custody facilities. The Department has observed a significant decrease in inmate-versus-inmate and inmate-versus-staff assaults, as well as a drastic reduction of the use of force by deputies. Additionally, we have not experienced the riotous inmate violence that plagued the jail system during the summer of 2006. These positive changes can be directly attributable to procedural changes in our inmate housing and classification system.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Acting Chief Alexander Yim, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

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July 17, 2007

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On June 3, 2007, the Central Housing Unit-North reopened and assumed responsibility for the initial housing by security level of inmates at all Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) jail facilities as well as the daily audits of all PDC housing areas for mis-housed inmates.

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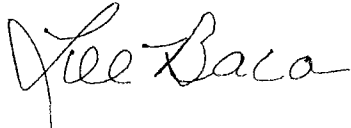
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On July 1, 2007, the PDC North Annex was re-established as a separate command and renamed the Pitchess Detention Center South Facility (PDC-South). A previously-closed compound was reopened, providing 252 additional beds. Twenty-four-hour nursing and pill-call staffing were also instituted, increasing the number of inmates who qualify for housing at PDC-South.

The Inmate Reception Center (IRC) is still under federal court order to process inmates through the reception center and into permanent housing facilities within 24 hours. Through the use of technology and the commitment and hard work of assigned staff, the IRC satisfies this court order. Inmates are scanned and tracked as they move through the various areas of the IRC. The Central Housing Units are a critical component in this success, both in the timely movement of inmates out of the IRC and into permanent housing as well as making the most efficient use of the limited number of jail beds in the system while still maintaining the integrity of security level housing.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Acting Chief Alexander Yim, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5018.

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On July 2, 2007, the Central Housing Unit-North began using a morning bus to consolidate and fill vacant beds at Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) East, South, and North facilities with inmates from the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF). The NCCF is the only jail at the PDC equipped with a fully functioning inmate processing area capable of efficiently handling the transfer of large numbers of inmates into and out of the facility. Filling vacancies at other PDC facilities with a dedicated bus from the NCCF allows large incoming inmate transfer lines arriving at PDC from the Inmate Reception Center to go directly to the NCCF where they can be safely and efficiently processed. Additionally, the Correctional Services Division, Transportation Bureau's busses transporting these transfer lines are able to make a single stop and off-load all of their inmates at once, rather than stopping at four separate facilities and off-loading

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inmates at each stop. Since the Department's bus drivers' "drive time" is regulated by Federal law, the time saved due to this change is significant.

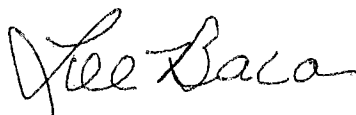
Two additional compounds were opened at the PDC South Facility as a result of funding received from your Board. The first compound opened on July 15, 2007, providing 252 beds for low security inmates. The second compound opened on October 12, 2007, providing a total of 270 beds for medium security inmates over the age of 40. The utilization of these compounds provides the availability to implement higher-security beds at other facilities.

On October 7, 2007, the Department increased the amount of time served by sentenced male inmates from 50 percent to 70 percent. This change will increase the number of sentenced inmates within the jail system including inmate workers in the jails. Additionally, this will result in an increase in our Community-Based Alternatives to Custody, Work Release, and Electronic Monitoring programs for eligible inmates.

The Central Housing Units are a fully integrated and critical component of the inmate housing process within the Los Angeles County Jail system. The Central Housing Units' work increases jail safety and security. It also reduces Department liability by monitoring the timely processing of inmates within the Inmate Reception Center, while maintaining the integrity of security-level based housing, and ensuring the most efficient use of the limited number of inmate beds available.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Acting Chief Alexander Yim, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

January 11, 2008

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On October 12, 2007, the final remaining unused compound at the Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South facility was reopened, adding an additional 204 medium security beds. These beds were immediately filled with older inmates (40+ years old).

On October 22, 2007, the PDC South facility was evacuated due to the wildfires in the Santa Clarita Valley. The Central Housing Unit - North coordinated the evacuation and rehousing of over 1400 inmates from the PDC South facility. The Central Housing Unit - South coordinated the housing of over 400 of the displaced inmates at the Men's Central Jail. Once the danger had passed, the two Central Housing Units coordinated the return of the evacuated inmates to the PDC South facility. The PDC South facility was completely repopulated on October 26, 2007.

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During this period, the Department began exploring options to ease female inmate overcrowding. One-hundred and fifty (150) female inmates were transferred from the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) to the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF). Logistical and operational issues in keeping a female population in the midst of a male facility necessitated the return of the female inmates to CRDF within a month of their initial transfer. While this housing experiment was occurring, the Central Housing Units analyzed the housing process and bed usage at CRDF and made recommendations aimed at increasing the number of available general population beds. This increase in available beds not only facilitated the return of the 150 female inmates from the TTCF, but allowed an additional 92 beds at CRDF to be used to house pre-arraigned male inmates booked by the California Highway Patrol, as well as the Department's Century, Lennox, and Compton Sheriff's Stations.

The Central Housing Units are a fully integrated and critical component of the inmate housing process within the Los Angeles County Jail system. From monitoring the timely processing of inmates within the Inmate Reception Center, to maintaining the integrity of security-level based housing, to ensuring the most efficient use of the limited number of inmate beds available, the Central Housing Units' work increases jail safety and security and reduces Department liability.

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During February 2008, two ongoing maintenance projects have severely impacted housing. The replacement of glass on every floor of the Twin Towers Correctional Facility resulted in the loss of between 192 - 300 beds at a time. The refurbishment of the showers and toilets in the large dormitories at Men's Central Jail closed between 100 - 140 beds. The loss of these beds, along with the increase of the average daily inmate population to nearly 20,000 necessitated the use of approximately 100 beds at Men's Central Jail, which were ordered closed by Judge Dean Pregerson in September 2006. The Central Housing Unit-South monitors these beds and vacates them as the fluctuations in daily inmate population permit. It is anticipated that these beds will be fully vacated when the two maintenance projects conclude in June 2008.

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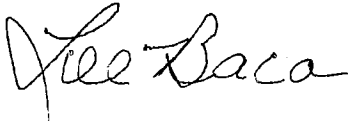
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The centralized housing and classification system has been fully implemented and thoroughly evaluated to ensure an efficient classification system that maximizes safety and security for staff and inmates alike while mitigating liability for the Department. The system remains stable and no significant changes are anticipated. Based on the above, this will be the final Centralized Housing and Classification Unit Report to your Board.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chief Alexander Yim, Correctional Services Division, at (213) 893-5017.

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